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## **Answer Key: Arab World Manners and Customs**

### **Unit 1: Overview**

1. fast
2. fast
3. technological
4. leisurely
5. industrial
6. technological
7. Ramadan
8. pilgrimage
9. small
10. high

### **Unit 2: Religion**

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. A

### **Unit 3: Arab Society**

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. F
5. F
6. F
7. F
8. F
9. T
10. F

## Unit 4: Status

## Unit 5: Hospitality and Friendship

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. do              | 1. C  |
| 2. born            | 2. C  |
| 3. right           | 3. C  |
| 4. appearances     | 4. C  |
| 5. generous        | 5. A  |
| 6. helpful         | 6. C  |
| 7. invisible       | 7. A  |
| 8. what            | 8. A  |
| 9. who             | 9. B  |
| 10. reputation     | 10. A |
| 11. Shame          |       |
| 12. criticism      |       |
| 13. needs          |       |
| 14. egalitarian    |       |
| 15. discrimination |       |
| 16. strength       |       |
| 17. officers       |       |
| 18. freely         |       |
| 19. served         |       |
| 20. lower          |       |

**Unit 6: Gestures**

1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. F
7. F
8. T
9. T
10. F

**Unit 7: Concept of  
Time/Conversation**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. insult       | 11. nuances     |
| 2. watch        | 12. listening   |
| 3. coordination | 13. sensitive   |
| 4. relaxed      | 14. punctuality |
| 5. female       | 15. plan        |
| 6. sincerity    | 16. absence     |
| 7. closer       | 17. Israel      |
| 8. indirect     | 18. belittling  |
| 9. diplomacy    | 19. criticising |
| 10. tact        | 20. Muslim      |

**Unit 8: Nuances of Thought      Unit 9: Work/Training**

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. A

1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. T
7. F
8. T
9. F
10. F

## Unit 10: Community/Homelife

## Appendix

1. affection
2. anger
3. dogs
4. wisdom
5. dignity
6. police
7. camera
8. airports
9. post offices
10. ambivalent

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. B
10. B

## Glossary: Arab World Manners and Customs

**Aesthetic** Pertaining to the sense of the beautiful and works of art.

**Ali** (AH-lee) Cousin and son-in-law of Muhammad whom Shia practitioners believe received the direct commission by Muhammad to be his successor.

**Bakhshish** (BAHK-sheesh) Offering or taking of bribes in business transactions. Can also apply to a form of begging in some Middle Eastern countries.

**Bedouin** (BED-oo-in) Nomadic Arab of the desert regions.

**Culture** That which guides people in their thinking, acting and feeling. Language, values, customary behaviors; ideas, beliefs and patterns of thinking; these attributes describe social characteristics of a people. The total way of life of a group--passed on from generation to generation.

**Deductive reasoning** Logical process where conclusions are drawn from a set of premises alone.

**Determinism** The doctrine that all events, including human choices and decisions, have sufficient (God ordained) causes.

**Dhahran** (dah-RAHN) Oil center city in East Saudi Arabia.

**Evil eye** The power, attributed to certain persons, of inflicting injury or bad luck by a look.

**Face** Outward appearance, show, pretense, good reputation, dignity, prestige.

**Five Pillars** The five essential practices of Islam--prayer five times per day; giving; pilgrimage; fasting; witnessing.

**Ghutra** (GHOO-tra) Traditional Saudi Arabian headcloth.

**Hajj** (al-HAHJ) At least once in a lifetime, preferable during the twelfth month of the calendar, a Muslim takes a pilgrimage to Mecca. No one goes on Hajj without first ensuring that family members are provided for in their absence.

**Ijma** (IHJ-mah) The historically continuous consensus of the Muslim community, one of the sources of the Sharia.

**Ijtihad** (ihj-tee-HAHD) The human endeavor to understand and solve human problems in light of the Qur'an and Sunna. Another source of the Sharia.

**In Sha Allah** (in-SHAH-ahl-lah) Transliteration of Arabic for "If God wills..."

**Inductive reasoning** Logical process where conclusions are drawn from observations and experiences.

**Islam** (is-LAHM) Subservience/obedience to the will of God.

**Jidda** (JID-dah) Seaport of Mecca, on the Red Sea.

**Loss of face** Situations and predicaments which cause a person's sense of dignity, prestige or reputation to be negatively affected.

**Mecca** (MAK-kuh) Place of Muhammad's birth. Location of the Kaabah.

**Muhammad** (moo-HAM-mad) Last of the Islamic prophets. The founder of the Islamic faith and most revered messenger of God.

**Muslim** (MUHZ-lim) One who submits, who is obedient to the will of God.

**Qur'an** (QOOR-ahn) Holy book revealed by God to the prophet Muhammad.



**Ramadan** (RAH-mah-dahn) Holy month of fasting for Muslims wherein all, who are physically able, do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset.

**Religious morality police** Patrolmen who insure Muslim morality guidelines are carried out in Saudi Arabia public places.

**Riyadh** (ree-YAHD) City in central Saudi Arabia. One of two capitals of the country.

**Rote memory** Fixed, mechanical, habitual means of learning whereby little import is given to the "why" or "meaning" of what is learned.

**Sawm** (SOO-uhm) Fasting during the month of Ramadan, which expresses thanksgiving, shows discipline and communal solidarity. Practitioners abstain from food and drink from dawn to sunset.

**Shahada** (sha-HAHD-ah) Witnessing. This is the essential creed of Muslim belief, repeatedly invoked as part of daily prayer. The shahada states: "There is no god but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God."

**Shame** Painful feeling arising from the consciousness of something dishonorable, improper, ridiculous...done by oneself or another. Injury to one's sense of pride and self-respect.

**Sharia** (sha-REE-ah) The religious law of Islam. Sharia can vary from state to state and within various Muslim movements.

**Shia** (SHEE-uh) Followers who believe Muhammad specified that his cousin and son-in-law Ali would be his successor. The charisma of Muhammad passed on in direct blood lineage through a family dynasty. Religious and political authority rests in imams alone.

**Status** Position of an individual in respect to another or others.

**Sunna** (SOON-nuh) Prophet Muhammad's practice and way of life.

**Sunni** (SOON-nee) Elders who saw Muhammad's successor as chosen by the community of those who follow the ethical/religious Muslim path. Authority rests in the community, guided by consensus and Islamic law.

**Zakat** (ZA-kat) Almsgiving. Faithful Muslims demonstrate tangible worship by giving a kind of loan to God of from two to ten percent of their income, payable at year's end. Charitable causes receive support in more spontaneous manner, as needs arise.

**Pronunciation Key** (Adapted from HarperCollins Dictionary of World Religions, ed. Jonathan Smith, [New York: HarperCollins, 1995]), p. xxvi.

Symbol	Sound	Symbol	Sound
a	cat	ng	sing
ah	father	o	hot
ahr	lard	oh	go
air	care	oi	boy
aw	jaw	oo	foot
ay	pay	oo	boot
b	bug	oor	poor
ch	chew	or	for
d	do	ou	how
e, eh	pet	p	pat
ee	seem	r	run
f	fun	s	so
g	good	sh	sure
h	hot	t	toe
hw	whether	th	thin
i	it	th	then
i	sky	ts	tsetse
ihr	ear	tw	twin
j	joke	uh	ago
k	king	uhr	her
kh	ch as in German Buch	v	vow
ks	vex	w	weather
kw	quill	y	young
l	love	z	zone
m	mat	zh	vision
n	not		